

# STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

# 500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

Wednesday, June 8, 2011 9:00 AM

Present: President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary Vasquez.

Commissioner Barger and Commissioner Lee

AUDIO LINK not available at this time. (11-2861)

Call to Order (11-2404)

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Barger at 9:00 a.m.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Barger.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

**2.** Approval of Minutes from Meeting of May 11, 2011. (11-2389)

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by President Afriat, with Commissioner Vasquez abstaining, the minutes of May 11, 2011 were approved.

Ayes: 3 - President Afriat, Commissioner Barger and

Commissioner Lee

**Abstentions:** 1 - Secretary Vasquez

**Attachments:** SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

### II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Hearing on application for Entertainment-General with Dance-Annual Dance for Business License ID# 104902, to issue a new business license to Cecilia D. Tallichet/John D. Tallichet for Shanghai Reds Restaurant, located at 13813 Fiji Way, Marina Del Rey, CA 90291 in the Fourth District. (11-2391)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office, reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals, including background check. TTC has no objection to issuance of the license.

Parvis Gerami, provided a notarized letter from Specialty Restaurant Corporation, dba Shanghai Red's Restaurant in Marina Del Rey to represent the restaurant at the hearing. Mr. Gerami indicated that the business is a fine dining restaurant and holds small events in there private dining rooms. President Afriat informed the applicant dancing is allowed only for restaurant patrons and one of the owners or a licensed manager must be present during entertainment. Mr. Gerami is a licensed manager and is aware that license is not transferable. The establishment does not have a stage or dressing room.

On motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez, the Commission approved the aforementioned license with a stage and dressing room waiver.

**Ayes:** 4 - President Afriat, Secretary Vasquez, Commissioner Barger and Commissioner Lee

**Attachments:** SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

4. Hearing on application for Massage Parlor-General/SC for the City of Santa Clarita Business License ID# 137919, to issue a new license to Sang Suk Nam, owner of Healing Spa located at 18838 Soledad Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91351 in the Fifth District. (11-2392)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office, reported the applicant has obtained all necessary County approvals, and the City of Santa Clarita has no objection to the issuance of the license.

Sang Suk Nam, owner stated at the time of applying for the license, she was unaware of the number of Massage Parlors in the City of Santa Clarita. She resides in the area and stated the area is family oriented. Ms. Hernandez informed the applicant as of March 10, 2011 all technicians must be State certified. Ms. Nam informed the Commission she is familiar with all the rules and regulation of operating a Massage Parlor.

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez, the Commission approved the aforementioned license.

**Ayes:** 4 - President Afriat, Secretary Vasquez, Commissioner Barger and Commissioner Lee

<u>Attachments:</u> <u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENT</u>

5. Hearing on application for Health/Spa/Club for the City of Santa Clarita Business License ID# 138059, to issue a new business license to Chuck Heacock, owner of Elite Fitness Compound located at 18655 Soledad Canyon, Santa Clarita, CA 91351 in the Fifth District. (11-2393)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office, reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals, including background check and the City of Santa Clarita has no objection to the issuance of the license.

Chuck Heacock, owner informed the Commission the establishment is a family oriented health club in the City of Santa Clarita. It includes kickboxing, soccer, football, softball, yoga, and fitness training. The business is an LLC and Mr. Heacock's partner Jeff Cohen resides in Philadelphia.

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez, the Commission approved the aforementioned license.

**Ayes:** 4 - President Afriat, Secretary Vasquez, Commissioner Barger and Commissioner Lee

**Attachments:** SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

6. Three Month Review of Public Eating Business License ID#114061, for Javier Lomeli, owner of Millan's Ranchito Mexican Restaurant, located at 7410 Santa Fe Avenue, Huntington Park, CA 90255 in the First District. (11-0875)

Vice President Campbell joined the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office, reported the item before the Commission is a three month review of the Business. Lt. Babbit, from the Sheriff's Department testified in the last three months under the modified hours, the restaurant has operated virtually with no problems.

On March 20, 2011, after a nine month review the Commission modified the hours of operation as follows:

Monday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Last call for beverages 11:30 p.m.

Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Last call for alcoholic beverages 1:30 a.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Last call for alcoholic beverages 1:30 a.m.

On motion of Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Vice President Campbell the Commission referred the item back to the Treasurer and Tax Collector's office.

Ayes: 5 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary Vasquez, Commissioner Barger and Commissioner Lee

**Attachments:** SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

7. Hearing on recommendation to deny Taxicab Driver Business License ID# 138210 for Karen Ghazaryan, All Yellow Taxicab, located at 401 S. Verdugo Road #7, Glendale, CA 91205 in the Fifth District. (11-2464)

President Afriat recused himself due to possible conflict of interest.

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office, reported that the application is being recommended for denial by the Sheriff's Department. Ben Garcia, Sheriff's Department reported the denial is based on the livescan results received from the Department of Justice. Mr. Garcia stated he has spoken to Mr. Karen Ghazaryan and informed him of the information within the background report. The applicant gave Mr. Garcia permission to inform the Commission of charges in his background report. The Commission verified that the applicant is in agreement with releasing the information contained in the report.

Mr. Garcia reported the applicant was arrested in 2008 for the following three counts:

Count 1- 647(B) Penal Code - Disorderly Conduct: Prostitution. Disposition - Dismissed.

Count 2- 653.22(A) Penal Code - Loiter: Intent: Prostitution. Disposition - Dismissed.

Count 3- 415 Penal Code - Fight / Noise/ Offensive Words. Disposition - Convicted. Conviction Status- Infraction. Sentence: Fine

Mr. Ghazaryan stated he was charged \$50.00 for disturbance of peace.

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez, with Vice President Campbell abstaining the Commission overturned the recommendation to deny Taxicab Driver Business License ID# 138210 with the following condition:

If the applicant is arrested for a similar charge and found guilty his County license is subject to be revoked.

Ayes: 3 - Secretary Vasquez, Commissioner Barger and

Commissioner Lee

**Abstentions:** 1 - Vice President Campbell

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### **III. REPORTS**

8. Commissioners' Comment

The Commission reviewed the calendar and agreed to cancel June 15, 2011 and July 6, 2011 meetings.

### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

## **Public Comment**

**9.** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on items of interests that are within jurisdiction of the Committee. (11-1749)

No members of the Public addressed the Commission.

### Adjournment

**10.** Adjournment for the Meeting of June 8, 2011. (11-2390)

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.